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TAGS: PORC, MO, LY
SUBJECT: LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS MOROCCO

REF: TRIPOLI 0791

1. LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER TURAYKI VISITED MOROCCO JUNE 28 AND HAD AUDIENCE WITH KING HASSAN TO PRESENT MESSAGE FROM QADHAFI. TURAYKI SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD PRESS THAT MESSAGE CONCERNED PROPOSED ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN TRIPOLI AND THAT KING HAD EXPRESSED APPROVAL. TURAYKI ALSO LOOKED FORWARD TO IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONS. HIS COMMENTS HEADLINED IN SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS JUNE 29, BUT GOM DID NOT ISSUE DIRECT STATEMENT APPROVING SUMMIT.

2. MFA DIRECTOR FOR ARAB LEAGUE AFFAIRS MOHAMED SAADANI TOLD
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US JUNE 28 THAT MOROCCAN POSITION ON SUMMIT WAS THAT GOM "IN PRINCIPLE" FAVORED ANY MEETING THAT WOULD INCREASE ARAB UNITY AND OPPOSED ANY WHICH WOULD BE DIVISIVE. HE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THIS WAS NOT THE RIGHT TIME FOR A SUMMIT, WHICH COULD OCCUR MUCH MORE USEFULLY FOLLOWING ISRAELI PRIMIN BEGIN'S TALKS

IN WASHINGTON. FURTHERMORE, EGYPT AND SUDAN UNLIKELY TO ATTEND.

SAADANI FELT LIBYAN CALL FOR SUMMIT WAS PRIMARILY A REFLECTION OF QADHAFI'S DESIRE TO BREAK OUT OF HIS CURRENT ISOLATION IN ARAB WORLD.

3. COMMENT: MOROCCAN "APPROVAL" OF LIBYAN CALL FOR SUMMIT STRIKES US MORE AS LIP-SERVICE TO ARAB UNITY THAN A PROMISE TO PROMOTE OR ATTEND SUCH A CONFERENCE. MOROCCANS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY UNLIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IF SAHARA ISSUE ON AGENDA. AT SAME TIME, OFFICIAL VISITS CONTINUE BETWEEN RABAT AND TRIPOLI DESPITE STRAINS IN RELATIONS OVER LIBYAN SUPPORT FOR POLISARIO. MOROCCAN ATTENDANCE AT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN TRIPOLI (RABAT 3227) AND TURAYKI VISIT FIT IN WITH APPARENT MUTUAL DESIRE TO KEEP LINES OPEN.
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